

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-280

January 9, 2001

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Transmission and Distribution Utility
Conservation Implementation Plans

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

In this Order, we approve the State Planning Office's recommendation that the Commission authorize the continued operation of existing energy conservation programs by Central Maine Power Company (CMP), at slightly higher budget levels, through calendar year 2001.

II. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On December 5, 2000, the State Planning Office (SPO) submitted its recommendation to the Commission concerning the energy conservation programs to be delivered by CMP pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 3305-B(2). According to SPO, it has worked with CMP and prepared a revised interim conservation plan for calendar year 2001. The plan continues current programs at budget amounts slightly higher than during the 2000 program year. Under the plan, CMP will continue to offer the Bundle-Up program, residential weatherization program through contractor SESCO, and an efficiency and incentive program to commercial and industrial customers (see attachment 1). CMP projects an available budget of \$1,847,122 for year 2001. CMP proposes to spend \$825,000 on the three programs described above. SPO is working with CMP on the possible offering of two other programs in 2001: a market transformation program managed by Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership and a LED exit light program offered by CMP.

We will approve the CMP plan recommended by SPO with the requirement that if any of the \$1,847,122 is unspent in 2001, it will be carried over and used in 2002.¹ We expect the plan currently under development by the SPO for 2002 will conform with the requirement in 35-A M.R.S.A. § 3211 that transmission and distribution utilities select service providers through a competitive bidding process unless it is shown to be in the best interest of the State to proceed using another method. We will not require bidding for CMP in 2001, as we continue in a transition period, until SPO adopts its conservation program as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 3305-B(2).

¹As in 2000, we expect other T&D utilities will continue their existing programs. Any amounts up to 0.5% of total T&D revenues not spent in 2001 will be carried forward for use in 2002.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 9th day of January, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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